

## The Alexandria Gazette

SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 20.

We entirely agree with the Richmond Sentinel, in its protest against migrating inclinations. "Our land, though stricken, is dearer to us than the plateaus of Mexico or the forests of Brazil. Here are the graves of our fathers, the play grounds of our childhood, and the cemeteries of our heroes. Here are the familiar hills, the broad rivers, and the accustomed skies, with which all our ideas and recollections are associated. Why should we leave them? There is no ruler on earth to whom we owe either gratitude or regard. There is no country on earth, that is not to us, a strange land, inhabited by strangers. There is neither sympathy nor profit to call us abroad; nothing but the interested invitations of calculating rulers, seeking their own advantage, and loving us no more than we love them." The ills we bear, should be borne with patience and hope. We can and ought to be patient.

Rev. Mr. Blount, of Portsmouth, Va., who received a terrible musket wound on Tuesday morning last, as stated in yesterday's issue, died on Wednesday morning, at 2 o'clock. The Norfolk Virginian denounces the criminal license in the use of fire-arms, to which the sad tragedy is due, and calls upon the Freedmen's Bureau to apply the corrective. It adds:—"Mr. B. rose to distinction as a minister, and became deservedly popular as a preacher. During the late war he was a missionary in the army of the Southern Confederacy, visiting the camps and hospitals, generally, doing good. He leaves a wife and child, and dies a good and poor man. His remains are to be conveyed to Petersburg. He was conscious up to the moment of his death, and was impressed, from the time he was shot, with the conviction, judging from his remarks, that the act which has deprived him of life was designed. He deserved great credit for the position in life to which he had attained, and his melancholy end will astound, as well as grieve, a large circle of relatives and friends."

The Richmond Republic continues to berate the Virginia Legislature for electing certain State officers, and for the action, so far, with regard to the Orange and Alexandria Railroad. It doubts the "lawful authority" of the present General Assembly, altogether. If Governor Pierpont adopts the views of the Republic there would seem to be an "irreconcilable difference" between the Executive and Legislative departments of the State—a not very unusual state of things, in peaceable and settled times.

In the Senate of Virginia, on Thursday, the bill to repeal the Usury law was under consideration, and amendments proposed. In the House of Delegates the Committee on the Restoration of Virginia, reported a series of resolutions appointing commissioners to treat on the subject of the re-union of West Virginia to the State of Virginia; and if that cannot be effected, to treat on the adjustment and apportionment of the public debt of Virginia, previous to the dismemberment. These resolutions were ordered to a second reading.

Admiral Dido has reached Vera Cruz for the purpose of conferring with Marshal Bazaine on the relations of France and Mexico with the United States. It is rumored that the Admiral will be followed by a large squadron, whose objects are variously stated. The town of Toluca has been captured by the Liberals, and all the Imperial troops at the City of Mexico have been sent, under Marshal Bazaine, to recapture the first mentioned town.

Mr. T. C. Callicott, the Supervising Agent of the Treasury Department, is engaged at Charleston, S. C., in investigating the blockade business of that city, and the assets of the various companies. By a Treasury order the companies engaged in blockade running are forbidden to pay over any dividends or dispose of any property remaining on hand.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger states that contributions from abroad and from importers at New York are flowing freely into the Treasury of the Free Trade League. It is reported that August Belmont sent to the League last week his check for fifty thousand dollars.

A messenger of the Farmers' and Citizens' National Bank of Williamsburg, was knocked down on William street, in New York, and robbed of \$70,000 in checks and \$11,000 in Treasury notes, with which he was on his way to the Park Bank.

Mrs. Grindler, the poisoner, was executed at Pittsburg yesterday. She admitted killing two persons.

The "strikers" on the Michigan railroads had their places supplied in a few hours, and were all discharged.

Gonzales has been convicted, in New York, of the murder of Otter.

TO MR. WM. N. McVEIGH:

I have reluctantly concluded to reply to your card in the "Gazette" of the 16th inst. I have no fancy for controversies of the kind, and my participation in this must, therefore, be very limited. What rational object you have in view, I cannot imagine. That you are prompted by personal illwill is very clear; but why direct your attacks against me personally, when matters of so much graver importance to you are under consideration, with which I have to do officially? What matters it to the public whether the personal issue raised by you be determined in your favor or mine? The real practical question in which a portion of the public, namely, the Stockholders of the Bank of the Old Dominion, is now under an investigation, by an order of the said stockholders, passed at the general meeting, held in July last, and referred to in your card. It is in the following words:

"Resolved, That doubts having been expressed as to the power of Wm. N. McVeigh, President of the Bank of the Old Dominion, to withdraw the interest on the State Bonds deposited with the State Treasurer as security for the issues of the Bank and for the protection of the note holder, the board of directors to be elected at this meeting be directed to inform themselves in regard to the effect of said action, and whether he should be held responsible for the same, and take such proceedings as they may deem necessary for the interest of the Bank."

As your successor in the office of President of this Bank, it has been my duty to aid in that investigation—a duty which I shall continue to perform, as I trust I will every other duty devolved upon me, without fear, favor or affection. This may account for your course, but your object is not rational.

Insignificant, however, as the question raised by you is to the public, yet through respect for the opinion of the community in which I have lived so long, I will, once and for all, make a brief statement relative to the matter, introduced in your card, and let you see how a little common sense, plain truth and fair dealing can overthrow the work of malicious wrath.

On the 5th June, 1865, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the said Bank, at which you were present, and the proceedings of which you were prohibited, by the 15th article of the by-laws, from divulging or speaking of out of doors, (a prohibition overlooked by you in the eagerness of your unamiable purpose,) Mr. Cazenave offered a resolution, the purport of which he stated and I took down in writing. Before the reading was finished, several of the Board left, and we were without a quorum. As, however, no objection was made, the resolution was entered on the minute book as adopted, though no formal vote was taken. It directed that a statement should be made, showing the amount of money that had been paid into the Bank between the 30th June, 1861, and the 30th June, 1865, by whom paid, in what funds, &c., &c., covering in its provisions your doings and misdoings, when, with a characteristic spirit of usurpation, you, in Richmond, ignorant of the transactions of the Bank, undertook, as President, to manage the moneys of the Bank, over which you had not the rightful control, even when here—covering, I say, your transactions, as well as those carried on here in your absence.

This, it will be remembered, was done at a meeting of the Directors. At a general meeting of the Stockholders, held on the 18th July following, you, as you say, called for the report of facts ordered by said resolution of the directors. Now, I have no definite recollection of the circumstances in detail, but, as well as I do remember, you called for a report, as if to be made to that (the Stockholders' meeting). I, doubtless, answered as I ought to have done, that no such resolution had been adopted. Such, certainly was the truth—the resolution above referred to having been submitted at a meeting of the Directors, which it would have been manifestly unwise to report upon to the public through a Stockholders' meeting or otherwise. There was nothing in the resolution indicating that it was designed as information for any but the Directors. At a subsequent general meeting of the Stockholders, held on the 9th of January, (inst.) you state that, having examined the "minute book" you had a publication of yours read and then called for the reading of the proceedings at the Directors' meeting in June last, that I reluctantly produced said "minute book," and that "seeing the position in which I had placed myself," I denied all that I had previously said about the resolution. Now, the statement that I had reluctantly produced the "minute book" is a sheer fabrication, and, simply, nonsense. You say that you had previously examined it and you knew that it was in the room with you at the time, and that you had the right and the power to stretch forth your hand and to take it, and to read it to your heart's content. How then and wherefore should I show reluctance in the matter? It is highly probable, that I, not from "seeing the position in which I had placed myself," but because it was the truth, denied ever having ignored Mr. Cazenave's resolution. It was the resolution which your imagination had created and under which you moved at the Stockholders' meeting in July, that I ignored. In the eagerness and impatience of your pursuits, your mind has become confused. If you thought really, at the July meeting, that I denied Mr. C's resolution, as you now pretend, why didn't you call for the "minute book" then and confront me with record evidence; you could not have forgotten it. You were present at the Directors' meeting a few weeks previous when that resolution was introduced, and, surely, you had not forgotten in that short time what you remembered so well many months after.

Now, sir, you have charged me with falsehood; see how a simple, but true story explains itself. But suppose I have not actually narrated the history of this matter; how absurd must have been my conduct in attempting, as you say I did, to oppose the testimony of a book that was always accessible to you and the whole Board of Directors. All that a rational man in ordinary health of head and heart, would have inferred, under the circumstances, would have been that I had lost my memory—not that I would engage in an idle effort to misrepresent the truth, when that truth in nakedness was staring him and others in the face.

Your attack, Mr. McVeigh, which is not, and cannot, be justified, is now repelled. I have dealt leniently with you. It has been a mere personal controversy. In the future it will

probably be my duty to act officially. Then, I must be strict, and cannot, with the interests of others entrusted to my care, forbear as I have done. Your conduct, not mine, will then be under consideration, and a judicial tribunal upon the whole evidence applicable to the case, will decide the real practical issue which you have attempted to evade for purposes no better known to yourself than evident to others.

In conclusion, let me say that you and I both have received marks of the confidence of the Stockholders and Directors of the Bank of the Old Dominion, and as I recognized it as my duty to show my appreciation of that confidence by endeavoring faithfully to serve those who have exhibited it towards me, so I think you should act, and, also, instead of trying to poison the public mind against the officers of the Bank you should not hesitate to do all in your power to aid in a final and successful settlement of its affairs.

Geo. H. Smoot,

Alexandria, January, 20th, 1866.

ALEXANDRIA, LOUDOUN &amp; HAMPSHIRE RAILROAD.

FOR CUSTIS'S MILLS, CONVALESCENT CAMP, FALLS CHURCH, VIENNA, HUNTER'S MILL, AND THORNTON'S.

Temporarily, a passenger car will leave the Depot of the Washington, Alexandria & Georgetown Railroad, on Maryland Avenue, Washington, daily, at 9.10 a. m., for the above stations; returning same day, reaching Maryland Avenue at 3.40 p. m.

Fare to Custis's Mills, and Convalescent

Camp.....	50 cts.
Fare to Fall's Church.....	75 cts.
" " Vienna.....	\$1.00.
" " Hunters's Mill and Thornton's.....	1.25.

Passengers for Alexandria desiring to connect can do so, either at the junction at Swann's, or leave Alexandria on the 8 o'clock train, and make the connection in Washington.

In a few days the trains will run regularly from their station at Alexandria, of which notice will be given. WASHINGTON BLYTHE, General Superintendent.

ATTENTION HYDRAULIC FIRE COMPANY.—The 40th annual meeting of the Company will be held at the Hall, on Tuesday evening next, Jan. 23d, at 7 1/2 o'clock. As matters of great importance will be proposed for consideration, the attendance of all the members is earnestly requested. BENJAMIN BARTON, President.

SMOKING TOBACCO. A prime article in Barrels, just received and for sale low by MATTHEWS & LOVING, No. 4, Janney's Wharf.

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THE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF ALEXANDRIA.—A dividend of three per cent. on the capital stock of this company has been declared, payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives, on and after Wednesday, the 24th inst. C. W. WATTLES, Secretary.

PROF. GUILLAUME FOUCHE announces that he has commenced the second quarter of his DANCING SCHOOL. Days and hours of tuition as formerly. Two New Dances—Midshipman's Schottish and Friska, will be taught. Applications can be made at the School House, or, in my absence, names and address can be left at the Magnolia House. GUILLAUME FOUCHE, Teacher in the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

E. S. FLEMING, WATCHMAKER & JEWELER, No. 83, King street. In addition to my former assortment of FASHIONABLE JEWELRY, I have this day added largely to my stock, and would respectfully solicit a call from those desiring to purchase. No trouble to show the goods. Special attention paid to repairing Fine Watches, Clocks and Jewelry. Jan 17—1m

COAL FOR SALE, UNDER COVER, (AT THE OLD STAND.) NO. 261, KING STREET. LORREY RED ASH, EGG AND STOVE, WHITE ASH, EGG AND STOVE. ALSO, CUMBERLAND LUMP AND RUN OF MINE. Jan 16—3m

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V. Becker also offers his services and long experience in the business, to persons wanting new Pianos, and wishing the advice of an able and disinterested judge. ap 4—1f

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INSTRUCTION IN MUSIC. J. G. FOERTSCH gives instruction on the Piano, Organ, &c., in Thorough-Bass and Musical Composition. Orders may be left at G. E. French's and R. Bell's Bookstores, the Gazette Office, and his residence, No. 1 M, Duke street. Jan 4—1f

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The dividends of this company are larger in amount, for premiums paid, than in any Company in the world.

All the profits arising from this immense fund, are ANNUALLY DIVIDED amongst the assured.

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DR. CHARLES W. CHANCELLOR, Medical Examiner. Jan 18—1f

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Capital.....\$500,000. Thos. Y. Canby, President, F. J. McGinnis, Secretary.

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Risks will be taken at the lowest rates charged by first-class companies. SAMUEL H. JANNEY, at Janney & Co.'s Drug store, No. 145, King st., above St. Asaph. Jan 18—10f

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AG Office hours from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. [Jan 10—1f

PEABODY FIRE INSURANCE CO., OF BALTIMORE. Persons desirous of effecting INSURANCE in this substantial and reliable company, can do so, on favorable terms, by applying to me, their agent, at my office in the Market building my 4—1f R. JOHNSTON.

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JUST RECEIVED.—A fresh lot of BUTTER, and EGGS from Loudoun county, Va. J. T. SHERWOOD, Jan 18—1f cor. Queen and St. Asaph sts.

FOR RENT OR LEASE.—The three-story BRICK DWELLING, No. 19, Fairfax street, in good order and supplied with water and gas. Possession given 1st day of March next. Apply at No. 90, corner King and Royal streets. Jan 17—2awtf